

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
KOLTER et al.

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For: THE USE OF A FILM COATING AS TASTE-MASKING COATING OF
ORAL DOSAGE FORMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identification as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

3. The use of a film coating as claimed in claim 1 [either of claims 1 or 2], wherein the film-forming water-soluble polymers are selected from the group of poly(vinyl lactams), vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinyl alcohols or cellulose derivatives, as water-insoluble but highly swelling polymers crosslinked poly(vinyl lactams), cellulose or cellulose derivatives or starch derivatives and as fine-particle dusting agents highly disperse silicas, fine-particle starches, fine-particle celluloses or fine-particle salts of phosphoric acid.

4. The use of the film coating as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 3], wherein the ratio by weight amounts to

- a) 50 to 90% polyvinyl acetate
- b) 10 to 75% hydrophilic additives
- c) 0 to 20% other conventional coating ingredients
- d) and, where appropriate, 0 to 30% of a physiologically tolerated acid.

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